



# Guide to Grants

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Welcome to the *Guide to Grants!*

I am honored to represent the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Alabama. One of the most important responsibilities as your representative is to provide you with information about funding opportunities. Now more than ever, grant opportunities are vital to the success of our local governments, organizations and other entities. This weekly guide will identify federal and foundation grant opportunities to assist you in goals for our communities. This Guide will include links to grant writing resources to help you make your proposals more successful. This Guide will also describe new funding opportunities for economic development, infrastructure, healthcare and educational projects as example. In addition, I am pleased to provide a Letter of Support for grant application projects in the 7th Congressional District of Alabama. Please let us know when grants are awarded, especially if you found the opportunities in the *Guide to Grants*.

For more information, please visit the website at <http://sewell.house.gov/> and you can subscribe to *Guide to Grants* at: <http://sewell.house.gov/contact-me/newsletter> or call 202-225-2665. Previous editions of the Guide to Grants are archived at <http://sewell.house.gov/guide-grants>.

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December 23, 2011

## **Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell Statement on Passage of the Bipartisan Payroll Tax Cut Extension**

WASHINGTON, DC –Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement today after the House and Senate passed a two-month extension of the payroll tax cut, unemployment insurance, and the Medicare physician fee fix:

“Today, 160 million Americans will not see their taxes go up, nearly 24,900 Alabamians will not lose unemployment insurance while looking for work, and 48 million seniors will continue to have the medical care that they need. While our work isn’t over, I applaud President Barack Obama and our House and Senate Congressional Leadership for listening to the American people. I look forward to working with my colleagues in Congress to pass long-term measures that secures the middle class, sustains health care coverage and access for our seniors and promotes economic growth and job creation.”

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December 20, 2011

## **Statement from Congresswoman Sewell in Opposition to House Republicans' Attempt to Delay the Extension of Unemployment Benefits and Payroll Tax Cuts to Americans**

Washington, DC—Today, Rep. Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement after voting against the House Republican's attempt to delay passage of an extension of unemployment benefits and payroll tax cuts:

“Today, I stood up for middle class Americans and voted against the House Republicans' attempt to delay an extension of unemployment benefits and payroll tax cuts.

The Senate amended and passed a bi-partisan bill that would have extended the payroll tax cuts for millions of workers and families, protected unemployment benefits for Americans who lost their job due to the economic recession and ensured that our seniors would have access to critical healthcare services. The agreement reflected a compromise that was negotiated in good faith by Senate Democrats and Republicans. It was overwhelmingly approved by the Senate— 89 Senators, including 39 Republicans, voted in favor of it. However, House Republicans refuse to bring this compromise to the floor for a vote.

It is unacceptable that some of my Republican colleagues in the House have once again refused to compromise. Our constituents elected us to make their lives better, not worse. This latest Republican grandstand will cost the American public dearly. As a result, 160 million middle class Americans will see a payroll tax increase, over two million Americans and almost 25,000 Alabamians will begin losing their unemployment benefits and millions of senior citizens on Medicare could find it harder to receive treatment from physicians.

We all understand that extending these benefits is a temporary fix to a long term problem. While I had hoped for a one-year extension agreement, the two-month compromise agreed to by the Senate is better than the alternative—letting millions of Americans suffer economic hardship on January 1, 2012. As members of Congress, it is absurd that we are being deprived of the opportunity to vote for a bill that would add certainty to our economy and extend these essential benefits for millions of Americans.

I am deeply disappointed in Congress's failure to put aside partisan politics. We must not go home until all Americans can celebrate the holidays knowing their benefits are protected.”

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December 16, 2011

## **Statement from Congresswoman Sewell Votes to Fund the Government, Protect Federal Programs and Provide Economic Certainty**

Washington, DC—Today, Rep. Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement after voting for H.R. 2055, the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Consolidated Appropriations Act, which passed the House today by a vote of 296-121:

“Today, I voted in favor of H.R. 2055, the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Consolidated Appropriations Act which will fund the government through September 2012. While not a perfect bill, this bipartisan measure will ensure that the federal government is funded through the end of the 2012 fiscal year and provide essential services for families, seniors, veterans, small businesses and our communities.

H.R. 2055 funds the government as agreed upon in the previously-passed Budget Control Act. Likewise, this bi-partisan measure does not include many controversial elements that have been a part of previous funding measures.

In these tough economic times, we must all tighten our belts and there must be shared sacrifice from everyone. This bill makes some difficult, but necessary cuts. However, it also increases funding for many programs important to families, students and workers in the 7th Congressional District, including a \$2 billion increase in Pell Grant funding and a \$2.2 billion increase for job training.

It is our responsibility in Congress to keep the Federal Government fully functioning for American families. This bill represents a long-term solution that avoids a government shutdown and allows Congress to focus on job creation and economic development.”

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December 16, 2011

## **Statement From Congresswoman Sewell on the Return of American Troops From Iraq**

Washington, DC—Today, Rep. Terri A. Sewell issued the following statement on the return home of nearly all of the American forces in Iraq:

“President Obama kept his promise to end the war in Iraq. After nine years, nearly 40,000 American soldiers will be returning home in time for the holidays. America owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to the brave men and women who have risked their lives to protect and defend our freedoms.

To the members of our armed forces returning home from Iraq and their families: there is no tribute, no commemoration, no praise that can truly match the magnitude of your service and your sacrifice. You bore the ultimate sacrifice so that we all can live in a free society. You are very much a part of our nation’s fabric— your strength is America’s strength. I salute each one of you for your sacrifices and selfless commitment to serving America.

I know that communities in the 7th Congressional District, the State of Alabama and across this nation will welcome our troops home with open arms and a commitment to helping them transition back to civilian life. It is now our responsibility to fight for our troops like they have fought for us. We must make sure they have the care and benefits they have earned.

Well done soldiers! Welcome Home!!”

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December 15, 2011

## **Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell on the Delay of Post Office Closures**

*U.S. Postal Service agrees to delay closing of any Post Office until  
May 1, 2012*

Washington, DC—Today, Rep. Terri A. Sewell released the following statement on the United States Postal Service's (USPS) announcement that it has decided to delay closing or consolidating any Post Office or mailing facility until May 1, 2012.

“I was pleased to hear of the United States Postal Service's decision to delay the closing or consolidating any Post Offices or mailing facilities until next May. Ten Post Offices in the Seventh Congressional District and 52 across the State of Alabama were slated to close. Most of these scheduled closures are in rural areas, where access to alternative postal services is limited.

I understand that in these difficult economic times, we must all tighten our belts and there must be a shared sacrifice from everyone. However, we must ensure that the American public has access to reliable USPS services. I believe that closing Post Offices and severely hindering access to postal services in rural areas is the wrong way to go about postal reform.

The USPS's announcement of closure delays will ensure that my constituents and thousands of other communities across the State of Alabama and the nation will continue to have reliable, uninterrupted postal services. I look forward to working with my colleagues in Congress and the USPS on responsible solutions that will continue to provide access to post offices for thousands of American communities and ensure the sustainability of the United States Postal Service.”

Earlier this year, approximately 3,700 post offices were targeted for closures by the USPS due to financial struggles, including mail volume declining and changing customer habits. The USPS planned to conduct studies on certain post offices to determine which facilities are subject to closure. After the announcement of closures, Congresswoman Sewell and some of her colleagues in Congress sent a letter to Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe expressing their concern over the potential closures and their importance to rural communities. Now that the deadline has been extended, this will ensure that the ten Post Offices in the Seventh Congressional District, 52 across the State of Alabama and approximately 3,700 across the nation slated for closure will remain open until at least May 1, 2012.

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December 13, 2011

## **Statement from Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell on H.R. 3630**

Washington, DC—Today, Rep. Terri A. Sewell (D-AL) released the following statement after voting against H.R. 3630:

“Today, I voted against H.R. 3630, a bill that would make drastic and harmful changes to the Emergency Unemployment Compensation program. The bill would make significant cuts to Medicare that would hurt our nation’s seniors. This bill also contains political and controversial language that should be discussed and debated in separate legislation.

Before Congress breaks for the year, we need to pass a bill that solely focuses on extending relief to unemployed workers and middle class Americans who are still suffering in this recovering economy. This is no time to play with the livelihood of millions of Americans.

Our voters sent us here to make their lives better, not more difficult. We were sent here to help create jobs, stimulate the economy and protect our most vulnerable. Accomplishing these goals require a willing and compromising spirit. The folks of the 7th district of Alabama want me to put people before politics and do what is in their best interest not partisan interest. The American people expect and deserve nothing less from us! We cannot go home for the holidays until we ensure that the blessings of this holiday season can be enjoyed by all.

I look forward to voting in favor of a clean bill that extends relief to unemployed workers and payroll tax cuts to middle class families.”

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CONSTITUENT SERVICES GUIDE

# Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell: Putting Alabama Families First



FROM THE DESK OF  
CONGRESSWOMAN TERRI A. SEWELL

Dear Friend,

I am honored to represent you in Congress. I am here to help in any way possible. One of my most important responsibilities as your representative is to provide you with assistance as you work with federal agencies.

Our office can help you break through the bureaucracy if you are having challenges with issues including Social Security, Medicare or veterans' benefits. We can also help you find federal grant opportunities for community projects and identify funding for first responders and other important services that our communities need. Our office in Washington, D.C. offers tours of the Capitol and can help provide gallery passes to see Congress in session. American flags that have been flown above the U.S. Capitol can also be ordered upon request.

We are here to serve you. Please let us be of assistance to you and your family.

Warmly,

Congresswoman Terri A. Sewell

### Standing Up for Alabama Workers

Creating jobs and rebuilding our economy are Congresswoman Sewell's top priorities. She is committed to expanding workforce development funding and strengthening public-private partnerships to create jobs. Our office is available if you need help with:

- Small Business Assistance
- Federal Grants
- Internal Revenue Service
- Job Training and Unemployment Benefits



### Protecting Our Seniors

Congresswoman Sewell will always fight to protect Social Security and Medicare. She is also working to restore our country's fiscal discipline to ensure that these programs are available for future generations. Please contact us if you need assistance with:

- Social Security Benefits
- Medicare Benefits
- Survivor's Benefits
- Retirement Benefits



### Helping Our Students

A strong education can make all the difference in achieving the American Dream. That is why Congresswoman Sewell is working hard to strengthen and reform early childhood education, improve performance in elementary and secondary education and improve outcomes in higher education. She supports students by assisting with:

- Internships
- Financial Aid
- Military Academy Nominations



Congresswoman Sewell visits with students at Cedar Park Elementary School in Selma.

### Honoring America's Veterans

Congresswoman Sewell is a strong advocate for our veterans and will work tirelessly to ensure that they receive the care and benefits they have earned. She is working hard to help veterans and their families with:

- Benefits Assistance
- Veterans Administration Claims
- Assistance for Returning Service Members
- Disability Compensation
- Pension Assistance



Congresswoman Sewell visits with Alabama veterans.

For more information and to sign up for news, the e-newsletter and our grant guide, please visit [www.sewell.house.gov](http://www.sewell.house.gov)





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**CASEWORK SUCCESS STORY:**

Frederick C. contacted our Tuscaloosa office because he was denied disability benefits by the Department of Veterans Affairs. He was diagnosed with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder from his service in the Gulf War. He continued to file claims and appeals without resolution.

Congresswoman Sewell's office worked on his claim, helping Frederick receive a favorable decision for total and permanent disability. We helped him secure a retroactive check for over \$86,000.

Contact us today so we can help you.

## Recent Grant Awards

- **December 15, 2011** – U.S. Dept of Health & Human Services announces award of \$500,755.00 to the Jefferson County Commission (Jefferson County, Alabama) for the Ryan White Title III Outpatient EIS Program.
- **December 14, 2011** – International Paper announces \$56,800 in grants to twenty-six (26) Dallas County, Alabama schools and nonprofit organizations.
- **December 2, 2011** – U.S. Dept of Health & Human Services announces award of \$1,581,273.00 to Whatley Health Services for the Health Center Cluster program.
- **November 9, 2011** – USDA Announces Seedco Financial Services, Inc. receives: \$250,000 USDA loan; \$62,500 USDA grant to capitalize a rural microloan revolving fund to make loans to rural microentrepreneurs and microenterprises in Choctaw, Dallas, Greene, Hale, Lowndes, Macon, Limestone, Perry, Pickens, Sumter and Wilcox counties.
- **October 28, 2011** - USDA Announces Economic Development Funding for the Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund: \$191,504 grant to provide technical assistance, training and other business development services to minority farmers, ranchers, fisherman and rural communities throughout Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana to help develop new cooperatives and credit unions.
- **October , 2011** – Alabama Historical Commission awards grant of \$13,785 for Hidden History of the Moundville Plaza, Hale County to the University of Alabama
- **October , 2011** – Alabama Historical Commission awards grant of \$15,340 for Red Mountain Greenway & Recreational Area Commission for Red Mountain Park Archaeology Program, Jefferson County
- **October , 2011** – Alabama Historical Commission awards grant of \$15,785 for the Fort Tombecbe Archaeological Project, Sumter County to the University of West Alabama
- **October , 2011** – Alabama Historical Commission awards grant of \$15,880 to the National Voting Rights Museum and Institute for Operations Support, Dallas County
- **October , 2011** – Alabama Historical Commission awards grant of \$15,880 for the Concord Cemetery Association for Concord Cemetery Preservation Project, Hale County
- **October , 2011** – Alabama Historical Commission awards grant of \$15,880 for Liberty Cemetery - April 27 Tornado Recovery, Hale County

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## Section I ACCESSING & REGISTERING FOR GRANT INFORMATION

- To learn about Federal grant opportunities, register your organization and receive notices, please visit [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). It is the resource for all Federal grants.
- To apply for Federal Grants: [http://www.grants.gov/applicants/apply\\_for\\_grants.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/applicants/apply_for_grants.jsp)
- To learn about foundation grant opportunities, please visit <http://foundationcenter.org/>. The Foundation Center is a gateway to information about private funding sources and provides guidelines about how to write a grant proposal. It also provides links to state libraries with grants reference collections, and links to other useful Internet websites.

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## Section II PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH FEDERAL AGENCIES

### Corporation for National and Community Service

**Program:** **NEW - AmeriCorps State and National Grants**

**Description:** AmeriCorps awards grants to organizations to implement programs that use AmeriCorps members to engage in evidence-based interventions to strengthen communities. Funding areas for 2012 include education, environmental stewardship, and healthy futures. Funding areas for 2012 are disaster services, economic opportunity, education, environmental stewardship, healthy futures, and veterans and military families. The healthy futures category includes goals to: increase physical activity and improve nutrition in youth, with the purpose of reducing childhood obesity and increasing access to nutritious food. Apply by January 18, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://eeinalabama.org/resource/about.aspx?s=86260.0.0.37934>

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### National Endowment for the Arts

**Program:** **NEA Our Town Guidelines, FY2012**

**Description:** Art works to improve the lives of America's citizens in many ways. Communities across our nation are engaging design and leveraging the arts to create livable, sustainable neighborhoods

with enhanced quality of life, increased creative activity, distinct identities, a sense of place, and vibrant local economies that capitalize on existing local assets. The deadline is March 1, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=MJ1dTXhFcY8f2JqzRGNz27c2hq714V5lsw2fGGVfklNCKLypPyTS!65310457?oppId=132434&mode=VIEW>

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## **National Endowment for the Humanities**

**Program:** **Small Grants to Libraries: America's Music**

**Description:** America's Music: A Film History of Our Popular Music from Blues to Bluegrass to Broadway is a six-week public program featuring documentary film screenings and scholar-led discussions of twentieth-century American popular music. The six sessions focus on these uniquely American musical genres: blues and gospel, Broadway, jazz, bluegrass and country, rock n' roll, and mambo and hip hop. The deadline is March 14, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=y744TprZ1YmN32q5T2YGvHybvWrfmhDmhv5tvFwLKwhLvNTN1MGr!687519751?oppId=133393&mode=VIEW>

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## **U.S. Department of Agriculture**

**Program:** **NEW - Increasing Access to Rural Community Investment Opportunities for Investors**

**Description:** USDA seeks to partner with investors willing to create and implement investment structures that would improve rural communities' access to capital by expanding the leveraging of USDA's community facilities loan funds. Given current turbulent market conditions, these investments may be particularly attractive to the private sector as they have historically provided low-risk, steady cash flows. USDA is open to considering a variety of different investment structures. The deadline is January 27, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://insurancenewsnet.com/article.aspx?id=319814>

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**U.S. Department of Commerce**

**Program:** **NEW - NIST Research Experience for Teachers (NIST RET) Program**

**Description:** National Institute of Standards and Technology Research Experience for Teachers seeks proposals from public school districts and accredited private educational institutions located in the U.S. and its territories that offer science classes at the middle school level (Grades 6-8), and whose nominated teachers have successfully completed the NIST Summer Institute Program. Such school districts and institutions must offer instruction in general science fields, such as earth science, physical science, chemistry, physics, and/or biology.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Lj7vT7TQ2K8jkNKhN2nL1VzCyGw131LZhhXL1K92MmGyHBq1c6H0!-1784104149?oppId=135513&mode=VIEW>

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**U.S. Department of Education**

**Program:** **NEW - Indian Education--Demonstration Grants for Indian Children - CFDA 84.299A**

**Description:** The purpose of the Demonstration Grants for Indian Children program is to provide financial assistance to projects that develop, test, and demonstrate the effectiveness of services and programs to improve the educational opportunities and achievement of preschool, elementary, and secondary Indian students.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=LPcbT7DfyjqhTbLg2rvWL1X2pM1BWpwKQWv81pN9LVKBJ8Cp3QjF!-1784104149?oppId=135773&mode=VIEW>

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**Program:** **Applications for New Awards; Upward Bound Program (Regular Upward Bound (UB) CFDA 84.047A)**

**Description:** The Upward Bound (UB) Program is one of the seven programs known as the Federal TRIO Programs. The UB Program is a discretionary grant program that supports projects designed to provide the skills and motivation necessary to complete a program of secondary education and to enter and succeed in a program of postsecondary education.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=vM3HTxRSw11VhQQPg1FT0N3G4428d6MndN0M3pjknQgC1qhh54Jk!687519751?oppId=135013&mode=VIEW>

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## **U.S. Department of Health & Human Services**

**Program:** **NEW - Small Grants for Behavioral Research in Cancer Control (R03)**

**Description:** FOA is designed to enhance basic and applied behavioral sciences research in the context of cancer control, with a secondary goal of attracting new investigators to the field from a variety of biomedical, behavioral and public health disciplines.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Lj7vT7TQ2K8jkNKhN2nL1VzCyGw131LZhhXL1K92MmGyHBq1c6H0!-1784104149?oppId=135555&mode=VIEW>

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**Program:** **NEW - Grants to States to Support Oral Health Workforce Activities**

**Description:** The purpose of the program is to help states develop and implement innovative programs to address the dental workforce needs of designated dental health professional shortage areas in a



manner that is appropriate to the states' individual needs. The deadline is April 4, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=LPcbT7DfyjqhTbLg2rvWL1X2pM1BWpwKQWv81pN9LVKBJ8Cp3QjF!-1784104149?oppId=135733&mode=VIEW>

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**Program:** **State Implementation Grants for Systems of Services for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN)**

**Description:** This grant program improves access to a quality, comprehensive, coordinated community-based systems of services for CYSHCN and their families that is family-centered and culturally competent. The deadline is March 1, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=dLTwTxdJMKF5XvT35ZNS1tFyHH11R1jGR8cqm0ThQ144rhQpx9SB!-2085669396?oppId=135154&mode=VIEW>

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**U.S. Department of Justice**

**Program:** **NEW - Jail as Part of County Government: Review and Revision**

**Description:** The National Institute of Corrections (NIC) Jails Division is seeking applications for the revision of its Jail as Part of County Government training program. The project will be for a 9-month period and will be completed with the NIC Jails Division. The awardee will work closely with NIC staff on all aspects of the project. The deadline is January 19, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Lj7vT7TQ2K8jkNKhN2nL1VzCyGw131LZhhXL1K92MmGyHBq1c6H0!-1784104149?oppId=135473&mode=VIEW>

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## U.S. Department of Labor

**Program:** **NEW - Workforce Innovation Fund**

**Description:** The Employment and Training Administration (ETA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), announces the availability of approximately \$98.5 million in Workforce Innovation Fund grants authorized by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 (P.L. 112-10). These funds support innovative approaches to the design and delivery of employment and training services that generate long-term improvements in the performance of the public workforce system, both in terms of outcomes for job seeker and employer customers and cost-effectiveness. The deadline is March 22, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Lj7vT7TQ2K8jkNKhN2nL1VzCyGw131LZhhXL1K92MmGyHBq1c6H0!-1784104149?oppId=135594&mode=VIEW>

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## U.S. Department of Transportation

**Program:** **Garrett A. Morgan Technology and Transportation Education Program**

**Description:** The objective is to improve the preparation of students, particularly women and minorities, in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) through curriculum development and other activities related to Transportation education.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=vM3HTxRSw11VhQQPg1FT0N3G4428d6MndN0M3pjknQgC1qhh54Jk!687519751?oppId=135073&mode=VIEW>

## **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

**Program:** **NEW - Proposal Guidelines for Brownfields Multi-Purpose Pilot Grants**

**Description:** EPA is piloting a new grant program that will provide a single grant to an eligible entity for both assessment and cleanup work at a specific brownfield site. Only applicants who have received an EPA Brownfields grant in 2003 or later are eligible to apply for the Multi-purpose pilot grant. Applicants who received a brownfields grant prior to 2003 are not eligible to apply. The deadline is February 10, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=Lj7vT7TQ2K8jkNKhN2nL1VzCyGw131LZhhXL1K92MmGyHBq1c6H0!-1784104149?oppId=135537&mode=VIEW>

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**Program:** **NEW - Centers for Material Life Cycle Safety**

**Description:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as part of its Science to Achieve Results (STAR) program, is seeking applications for an interdisciplinary center focused on the application of a life cycle perspective towards the development of materials.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=LPcbT7DfyjqhTbLg2rvWL1X2pM1BWpwKQWv81pN9LVKBJ8Cp3QjF!-1784104149?oppId=136013&mode=VIEW>

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**Program:** **NEW - Urban Waters Small Grants**

**Description:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency expects to award between \$1.8 to \$3.8 million in funding for projects across the country to help restore urban waters by improving water quality and supporting community revitalization. The goal of the Urban Waters Small Grants program is to fund research, studies, training,

and demonstration projects that will advance the restoration of urban waters. Proposals due January 23, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://eeinalabama.org/resource/about.aspx?s=99428.0.0.37934>

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### **Section III PROGRAM FUNDING THROUGH PRIVATE, CORPORATE & COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS**

**Program:** **NEW - Muhammad Ali Center Peace Garden Grant**

**Description:** This grant will provide 50 youth programs with basic tools and supplies to begin a vegetable garden. Recipients are expected to use the gardens to teach nutrition and respect for diverse cultures. Apply by January 9, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://eeinalabama.org/core/item/topic.aspx?s=0.0.115.37934&tid=85010>

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**Program:** **NEW - Community Action Grants**

**Description:** American Association Of University Women grant proposals gives special consideration is given to projects focused on K-12 and community college girls' and women's achievements in science, technology, engineering or math. The deadline is January 15, 2012.

**Website:**

[http://www.aauw.org/learn/fellowships\\_grants/community\\_action.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/learn/fellowships_grants/community_action.cfm)

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**Program:** **Muzak Heart and Soul Foundation Invites Applications from Music Education Programs for Music Matters Grant Program**

**Description:** The Muzak Heart & Soul Foundation is accepting applications for its Music Matters Grant Program, which provides grants to public school and independent music programs in the United States. Highest consideration is given to those programs in need of basic materials such as instruments and sheet music, programs serving economically disadvantaged students, programs involving innovative educational reform, and programs with established partnerships with parent-teacher-student associations and other community groups. The deadline is February 17, 2012.

**Website:**

[http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp\\_item.jhtml;jsessionid=Z0LTOBGYNTCZ5LAQBQ4CGW15AAAACI2F?id=363400015](http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/rfp_item.jhtml;jsessionid=Z0LTOBGYNTCZ5LAQBQ4CGW15AAAACI2F?id=363400015)

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**Program:** **National Book Foundation: Innovations in Reading**

**Description:** The National Book Foundation awards a number of prizes of up to \$2,500 each to individuals and institutions or partnerships between the two that have developed innovative means of creating and sustaining a lifelong love of reading. The deadline is Feb. 21, 2012.

**Website:** <http://www.grantsalert.com/grants/Foundations/206>

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**Program:** **Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grants**

**Description:** Lowe's Toolbox for Education awards grants up to \$5,000 to non-profit public schools for projects that encourage parent involvement and build a stronger community. Only the first 1,500 applications per grant period are considered. Apply by February 17, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://eeinalabama.org/core/item/topic.aspx?s=0.0.115.37934&tid=85010>

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## Section IV SCHOLARSHIPS / FELLOWSHIPS

**Program:** **Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program**

**Description:** The Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program seeks to encourage talented science, technology, engineering, and mathematics majors and professionals to become K-12 mathematics and science teachers.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=fITTT7QWQTJkSLyczY7LW8dQkTQjtTGLsX51XQYRP0qQhQvhLMby!-1784104149?oppId=136073&mode=VIEW>

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**Program:** **Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program**

**Description:** The fellowship provides funding for the pursuit of Masters or Doctorate Degrees in Transportation related discipline. The program objectives are: 1) to attract the nation's brightest minds to the field of Transportation, 2) to enhance the careers of Transportation professionals by encouraging them to seek advanced degrees, and 3) to retain top talent in the Transportation industry of the United States. The deadline is February 10, 2012.

**Website:**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=SzgBTxcfcx72cpppm5Tc2P5f3yTPCqv801Rlv38ktyQ4F1Qk5pZ!-2085669396?oppId=135053&mode=VIEW>

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### **Scholarship Websites:**

#### **Alabama Scholarships**

Website: <http://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-state/alabama-scholarships/>

#### **Get Help Paying for College with Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**

Website: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

**Fast Web**

Website: <http://www.fastweb.com/>

**Merit Aid**

<http://www.meritaid.com/meritScholarships/Alabama-State-University-100724>

**Student Aid Programs**

Website: <http://www.ache.state.al.us/StudentAsst/Programs.htm>

**Scholarship Experts**

Website: <http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htx>

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**Alabama Student Assistance Program**

Website: <http://www.moneymatters101.com/states/alabama.asp>

**200 Free Scholarships For Minorities**

Website: <http://www.blackexcel.org/200-Scholarships.html>

**G. I. Dependents' Scholarship Program**

Website: <http://www.va.state.al.us/scholarship.htm>

**College Scholarships.org**

Website: <http://www.collegescholarships.org/states/alabama.htm>

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**Section V RESOURCES****HUD to Donate Excess Equipment**

The Birmingham Office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is donating the following equipment below:

- 32 - Desktop Optiplex GX 520 computers
- 22 - Latitude D610 Laptop Computers
- 1 - Optiplex GX 620 Desktop Computer
- 2 - HP Laser Jet 2200d Printers
- 1 - HP Laser Jet 4000N Printer
- 4 - HP Laser Jet 4100 Printers
- 1 - Dell 1500 Printer
- 1 - Xerox F12 Fax Machine

In accordance with Executive Order 12999 entitled "(c) "Educationally useful Federal equipment" means computers and related peripheral tools (e.g., printers, modems, routers, and servers), including telecommunications and research equipment, that are appropriate for use in

prekindergarten, elementary, middle, or secondary school education. It shall also include computer software, where the transfer of licenses is permitted.

The Birmingham HUD Office will give the highest priority to elementary/secondary educational institutions; community based educational organizations and eligible non-profit organizations.

Requests for computer equipment must be in writing and accompanied by a statement of need. Requests must also identify the quantity needed. All non-profits, including churches will be required to submit a copy of their 501(c)(3) IRS ruling as well as their bylaws showing that their primary mission focus is education.

Requests must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2011 and mailed to Gale Harris, Administrative Officer, Birmingham HUD Office, 950 22nd Street North, Suite 900, Birmingham, AL 35203. All requests will be acknowledged no later than January 31, 2012.

If you have questions, please contact Gale Harris at (205) 745-4305.

**Website:**

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/states/alabama/library/equipment\\_donation](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/states/alabama/library/equipment_donation)

**Community Action Association of Alabama**

Website:

[http://www.caaalabama.org/index.php?xsearch%5B0%5D=Agencies&xsearch\\_id=company\\_search2&src=directory&srctype=company\\_lister&view=company&submenu=Agencies&submit.x=12&submit.y=4](http://www.caaalabama.org/index.php?xsearch%5B0%5D=Agencies&xsearch_id=company_search2&src=directory&srctype=company_lister&view=company&submenu=Agencies&submit.x=12&submit.y=4)

**Alabama Resources - Camellia Health & Human Services**

Website: <http://camellia.alabama.gov/default.aspx>

**SBA - Search for Business Loans, Grants and Financing**

Website: <http://www.sba.gov/content/search-business-loans-grants-and-financing>

**U.S. Department of Transportation Selects Seedco Financial to Provide Small Business Loans**



Only CDFI in Alabama to Disburse Capital Under this Program  
U.S. Department of Transportation Selects Seedco Financial to Provide Small Business Loans

- *Seedco Financial in Alabama Selected as Partner to Provide Short-Term Loans*
- *Only CDFI in Alabama to Disburse Capital Under this Program*
- *Loans Up to \$750,000 to Qualified Small Businesses*

Website: <http://www.seedcofinancial.org/press-releases/?id=642>

**Police Grants Help 101** -- Whether your police department needs body armor, less lethal devices, training or funding to hire additional staff, grants can help bridge the gap between a budget shortfall and successfully funding your project.

Website: <http://www.policegrantshelp.com/grants101/>

Alabama Open Grants: <http://www.policegrantshelp.com/grants/byState/23/>

### **Alabama Incentives: Alabama Biodiesel Incentive Program**

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) Energy Division developed the Alabama Biodiesel Incentive Program to increase the availability and use of biodiesel blends in school buses and state fleet vehicles.

Website: <http://www.adeca.alabama.gov/C17/ATF/default.aspx>

### **Alabama Incentives: Biofuel Production Facility Tax Credit**

Companies that invest in the development of a biofuel production facility may be eligible for a tax credit of up to 5% of the capital costs of the project. Companies may claim this credit against the state income tax or the financial institution excise tax liability that the project generates each year for up to 20 years.

Website:

<http://www.afdc.energy.gov/afdc/laws/laws/AL>

[www.alabamasaves.com](http://www.alabamasaves.com)

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### **Alabama Capital Access Program; Alabama Loan Guarantee Program; and the Alabama Loan Participation Program**

The State Small Business Credit Initiative is a part of the Small Business Jobs Act President Obama signed into law last fall. Alabama officials are expected to use the grant money to help create new private sector jobs and spur additional small-businesses lending in that state. The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) will manage the grants.

**Website:**

<http://www.examiner.com/political-buzz-in-birmingham/feds-offer-alabama-help-using-grants>

<http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sb-programs/Pages/ssbci.aspx>

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### **Alabama's Hardest Hit Fund**

You may qualify if:

- you are receiving Unemployment Compensation Benefits
- your total household income is less than \$75,740 at time of application
- you owe no more than \$258,690 on your home's mortgage

<http://www.hardesthitAlabama.com/>

### **Alabama SAVES Loan Program**

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) is pleased to offer the state's first and only energy revolving loan program for existing industries. Energy Upgrade Loans Now Available for Smaller Alabama Businesses - More Alabama businesses will have the chance to make upgrades that will save energy, reduce expenses and boost employment opportunities. There is reduction in the program's minimum loan amount to \$50,000 from \$250,000. The \$60 million loan fund was established in December 2010 with funds made available to the state by the U.S. Department of Energy's State Energy Program. Loans of up to \$4 million are available to help existing commercial and industrial businesses finance energy-saving improvements.

**Website:**

<http://www.alabamasaves.com/AlabamaSAVES-Brochure.pdf>

## **REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS IN ALABAMA**

Northwest Alabama Council of Local Governments  
P.O. Box 2603  
Muscle Shoals, Alabama 35662  
Phone: 256.389.0500  
Fax: 256.389.0599  
Executive Director: Keith Jones

Visit the Web site of Region 1 - <http://nacolg.com/>

West Alabama Regional Commission

4200 Highway 69 North

Northport, Alabama 35473-3505

Phone: 205.333.2990

Fax: 205.333.2713

Executive Director: Robert B. Lake

Visit the Web site of Region 2 - <http://www.warc.info/index.php>

Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham

1731 First Avenue North, Suite 200

Birmingham, Alabama 35203

Phone: 205.251.8139

Fax: 205.328.3304

Executive Director: Charles Ball

Visit the Web site of Region 3 - <http://www.rpcgb.org/>

East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission

P.O. Box 2186

Anniston, Alabama 36202

Phone: 256.237.6741

Fax: 256.237.6763

Executive Director: Bill Curtis

Visit the Web site of Region 4 - <http://www.earpdc.org/>

South Central Alabama Development Commission

5900 Carmichael Place

Montgomery, Alabama 36117

Phone: 334.244.6903

Fax: 334.270.0038

Executive Director: Tyson Howard

Visit the Web site of Region 5 - <http://scadc.state.al.us/>

Alabama-Tombigbee Regional Commission

107 Broad Street

Camden, Alabama 36726

Phone: 334.682.4234

Fax: 334.682.4205

Executive Director: John Clyde Riggs

Visit the Web site of Region 6 - <http://www.alarc.org/atrc/index.htm>

Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission

P.O. Box 1406

Dothan, Alabama 36302

Phone: 334.794.4093

Fax: 334.794.3288  
Executive Director: Thomas B. Solomon  
Visit the Web site of Region 7 - <http://www.sanman.net/searpc/searpc.htm>

South Alabama Regional Planning Commission  
P.O. Box 1665  
Mobile, Alabama 36633  
Phone: 251.433.6541  
Fax: 251.433.6009  
Executive Director: Russ Wimberly  
Visit the Web site of Region 8 - <http://www.sarpc.org/>

Central Alabama Regional Planning Development Commission  
125 Washington Avenue  
Montgomery, Alabama 36104  
Phone: 334.262.4300  
Fax: 334.262.6976  
Visit the Web site of Region 9 - <http://www.carpdc.com/>

Lee-Russell Council of Governments  
2207 Gateway Drive  
Opelika, Alabama 36801  
Phone: 334.749.5264  
Fax: 334.749.6582  
Executive Director: Suzanne G. Burnette  
Visit the Web site of Region 10 - <http://www.lrcog.com/>

North-Central Alabama Regional Council of Governments  
P.O. Box C  
Decatur, Alabama 35601  
Phone: 256.355.4515  
Fax: 256.351.1380  
Executive Director: C. Ronald Matthews  
Visit the Web site of Region 11 - <http://www.narcog.org/>

Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments  
5075 Research Drive, NW  
Huntsville, Alabama 35805-5912  
Phone: 256.830.0818  
Fax: 256.830.0843  
Executive Director: Robert B. Culver

Visit the Web site of Region 12 - <http://www.tarcog.org/>

## **COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS IN ALABAMA**

Please visit <http://www.nonprofitexpert.com/community%20foundations/al.htm>

Autauga Area Community Foundation  
c/o Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.  
434 N. McDonough Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104  
Phone: 334-264-6223  
Contact: Carol W. Butler, President  
Website: [www.aacinfo.org](http://www.aacinfo.org)

The Community Foundation of Baldwin County  
c/o The Community Foundation of South Alabama  
P.O. Box 990  
Mobile, AL 36601  
Phone: 251-438-5591  
Contact: Linnette Clausman  
Website: [www.communityendowment.com](http://www.communityendowment.com)

Black Belt Community Foundation  
609 Lauderdale Street  
Selma, AL 36701-4555  
Phone: 334-874-1126 Fax: 334-874-1131  
Contact: Felecia L. Jones, Executive Director  
Website: <http://blackbeltfound.org/>

The Greater Brewton Foundation  
P.O. Box 87  
Brewton, AL 36427  
Phone: (251) 867-4881  
Contact: John David Finlay, Jr., Pres.

Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama  
P. O. Box 36202  
Anniston, Alabama 36202  
Telephone: 256-231-5160 Fax: 256-231-5161  
Contact: Eula M. Tatman, Interim President and CEO  
Email: [etatman@yourcommunityfirst.org](mailto:etatman@yourcommunityfirst.org)  
For general information: [info@yourcommunityfirst.org](mailto:info@yourcommunityfirst.org)  
Website: <http://www.yourcommunityfirst.org/>

Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.  
434 N. McDonough Street

Montgomery, AL 36104  
Telephone: 334-264-6223 Fax: 334-263-6225  
Contact: Carol W. Butler, President  
Website: <http://www.cacinfo.org>

Elmore County Community Foundation  
c/o Central Alabama Community Foundation, Inc.  
434 N. McDonough Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104  
Phone: 334-264-6223  
Contact: Carol W. Butler, President  
Website: [www.eccinfo.org](http://www.eccinfo.org)

The Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham  
2100 First Ave. N., Ste. 700  
Birmingham, AL 35203  
Telephone: (205) 328-8641 Fax: (205) 328-6576  
Contact: Kate Nielsen, President  
Email: [knielsen@foundationbirmingham.org](mailto:knielsen@foundationbirmingham.org)  
For general information: [info@foundationbirmingham.org](mailto:info@foundationbirmingham.org)  
Website: <http://www.foundationbirmingham.org>

The Community Foundation of Greater Decatur  
P.O. Box 2003  
Decatur, AL 35602  
Phone: 256-353-5312  
Contact: Arthur W. Orr  
Website: [www.cfogd.org](http://www.cfogd.org)

The Community Foundation of Huntsville  
659 Gallatin Street  
Huntsville, AL 35801  
Phone: 256-564-7430  
Contact: Lynne Berry, President  
Website: <http://www.communityfoundationhsv.org/>

Limestone Area Community Foundation, Inc.  
P.O. Box 578  
Athens, AL 35612  
Phone: 256-232-4200  
Contact: Martha Jo Leonard, Executive Director

Riverbend Community Foundation  
635 West College Street  
Florence, AL 35630  
Phone: 256-764-3431  
Contact: Bryan Libell, Secretary/Treasurer

Shelby County Community Health Foundation  
Shelby Baptist Medical Center  
1000 First Street N.  
Alabaster, AL 35007  
Chairman: Chad Scroggins (205)669-3737  
Additional Contact: Donna Falkner (205)620-8112

The Community Foundation of South Alabama  
P.O. Box 990  
Mobile, Alabama 36601-0990  
251-438.5591, 251-438.5592 Fax  
Contact: Linnette Clausman, Finance Officer  
Website: <http://www.communityendowment.com>

Southeast Alabama Community Foundation  
P.O. Box 1422  
Dothan, AL 36302-1422  
Phone: 334-671-1059, Fax: 334-793-0627  
Contact: Millie Armstrong, Program Director  
Website: [www.sacinfo.org](http://www.sacinfo.org)

Community Foundation of West Alabama  
P.O. Box 3033  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35403  
Telephone: 205-366-0698, Fax 205-366-0813  
Contact: Glenn Taylor, Exec. Director  
E-mail: [CFOWA@bellsouth.net](mailto:CFOWA@bellsouth.net)  
Website: <http://thecfwa.org/>

Walker Area Community Foundation  
P.O. Box 171  
Jasper, AL 35502-0171  
Telephone: 205-302-0001, Fax: (205) 302-0424  
Contact: Paul Kennedy, Executive Director  
Website: <http://www.wacf.org>